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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MUROSAWA ET AL.

Examiner

Tai Van Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5,6,8 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4,7 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/15/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.
2. The following title is suggested: A METHOD OF PRODUCING LAMINATED CERAMIC ELECTRONIC COMPONENT.
3. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

5. Claims 1-3, 5, 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki Kazutaka et al. (JP 2003-095740) herein after '740.

As applied to claims 1, 3 and 5, '740 disclose a stacking method of green sheet comprising the steps of; forming a support sheet as carrier sheet (21, Fig. 14 d) with

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multilayer units by stacking the multilayer unit that comprises electrode layer (23) and/or green sheet on a surface of the support sheet, forming a roll body by rolling up the support sheet with the multilayer unit (Fig. 10), and stacking the multilayer units by unrolling the roll body, placing the support sheet with multilayer unit on a layer which the support sheet is to be placed (sequence Fig. 14c-14d), and separating the support sheet from the multilayer unit (see Fig. 8), wherein, a separation-facilitating surface treatment with a width equal to or greater than the width of the multilayer unit is formed on the back surface of the support sheet and an adhesive part where the separation-facilitating surface treatment is not provided is also formed (see sequence Fig. 8-10).

As applied to claim 2, '740 disclose wherein the adhesive (25, Fig. 14d) part is successively.

As applied to claim 8, '740 disclose wherein the roll body is unrolled, the support sheet with multilayer unit is cut, the cut support sheet with multilayer unit is placed on a layer where it is to be stacked, the support sheet is separated from the multilayer unit, and the multilayer unit is stacked (see [0071]).

As applied to claim 10, '740 disclose a multilayer ceramic electronic device, comprising the steps of providing removing binder treatment and firing a multilayer body which is stacked by green sheet stacking method as set forth (see [0044]-[0048]).

Note: firing read as bake in cooling rate temperature hour especially 50-500 degrees C (see [0075]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over '740 in view of Natarajan et al (US 6,245,171).

As applied to claim 6, '740 disclose all of the limitations of the claimed invention except that a bond layer is stacked on a surface of the multilayer unit.

However, Natarajan et al. teach a bond layer is stacked on a surface of the multilayer unit (see column 6, lines 47-60). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary in the art at this time the invention was made to have modified the method of '740 by including bonding layers, as taught by Natarajan et al to positively provide forming multi-density substrate (column 3, lines 5-7).

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 4, 7 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion


9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tai Van Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4567. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30 A.M - 4:30 P.M).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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